

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

April 24, 2007

9:00 a.m.

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The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Rick Jones,

Absent and excused were Reps. Farrah, Steil.

Rep. Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Meadows moved to excuse the members that were absent. The motion prevailed.

The Chair laid before the Committee the following bills:

HB 4625 – Bauer – Civil rights; employment discrimination; equal compensation for comparable work; require.

HB 4626 – Byrnes – Crimes; provision regarding wage discrimination based on sex; modify

HB 4627 – Kathleen Law – labor; fair employment practices; commission on pay equity; establish.

The Chair recognized Rep. Bauer, Rep. Byrnes and Rep. Kathleen Law to explain their bills and to answer question by members of the Committee on Labor.

The Chair recognized the following people who testified in support of HB 4625, HB 4626 and HB 4627.

Polly Howe from the Pay Equity Network

Mary Pollock from the Michigan National Organization for Women

Judy Karandjeff from the Women's Commission for the State of Michigan

Sharon Belobrandich from the American Association of University Women

Hilda Patricia Curran, representing herself from Lansing, MI

Cynthia Paul from SEIU

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The Chair recognized the following people who testified in opposition to HB 4625, HB 4626 and HB 4627.

Wendy Block from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Amanda Fisher from the National Federation of Independent Business

The Chair recognized the following people who filled out testimony cards and wanted to testify in support of HB 4625, HB 4626 and HB 4627 but there was not enough time.

Nadine Nosal from International Union, UAW
Ken Fletcher from the Michigan State AFL-CIO

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 4625, HB 4626 and HB 4627 but did not want to testify.

Robin Norton from the Department of Labor and Economic Development
Nick Ciaramintaro from AFSCME Council 25
Lisa Haston from the Lansing Community College Women's Resource Center

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:55 a.m.

Representative Fred Miller, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk